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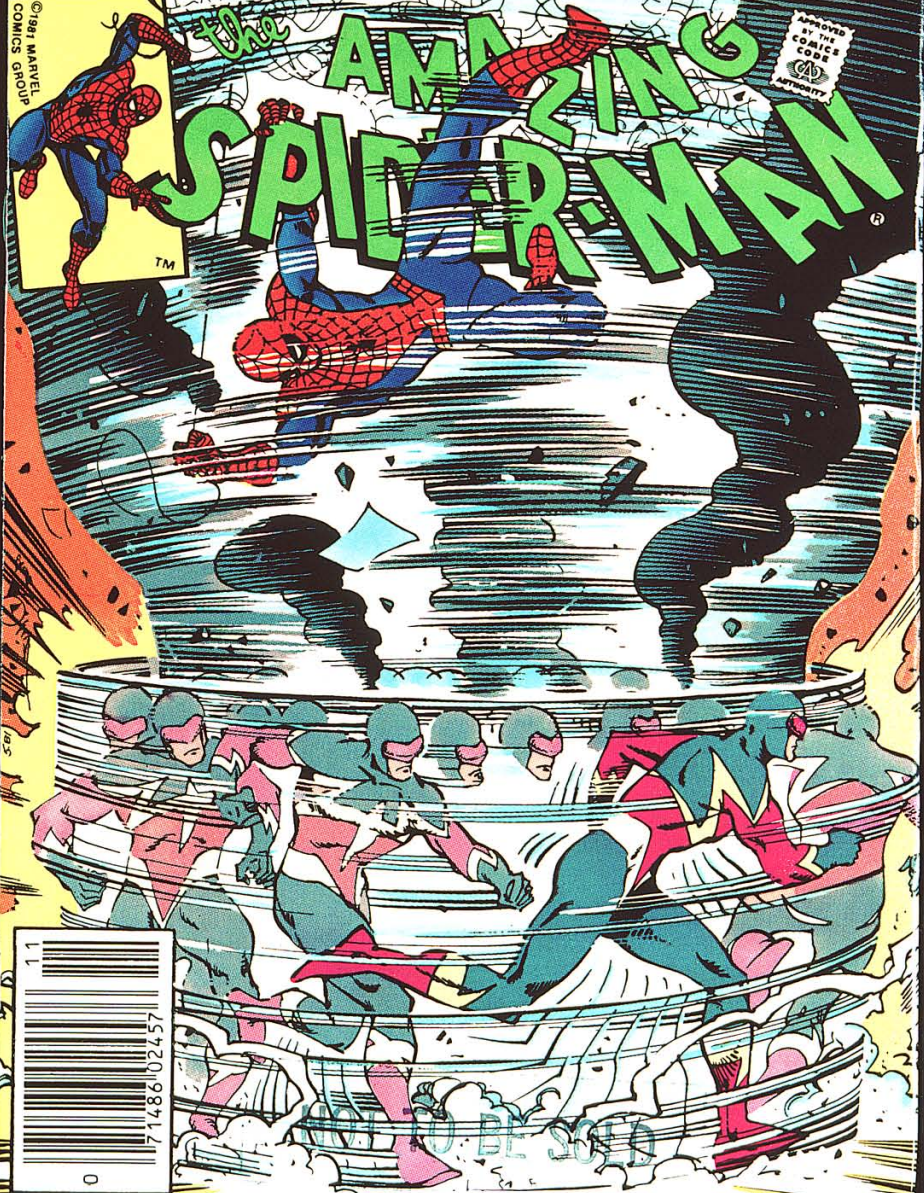
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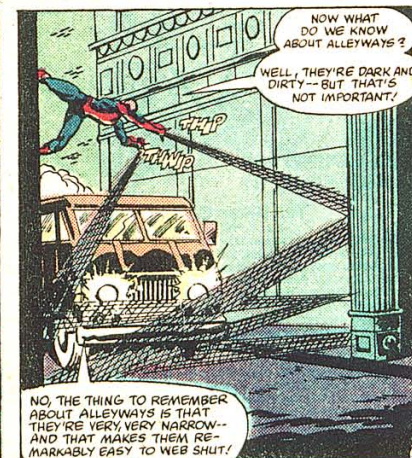
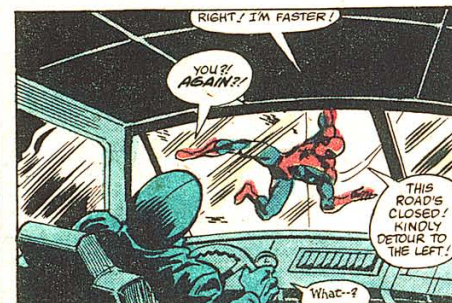
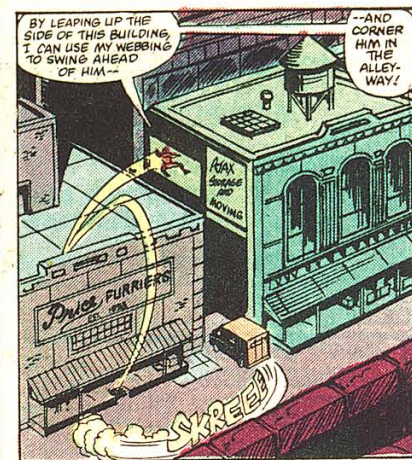
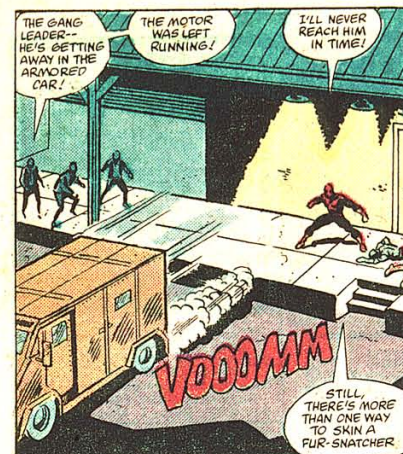
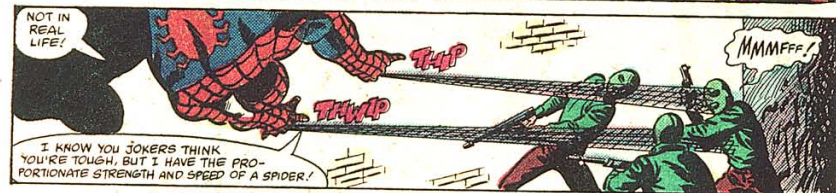
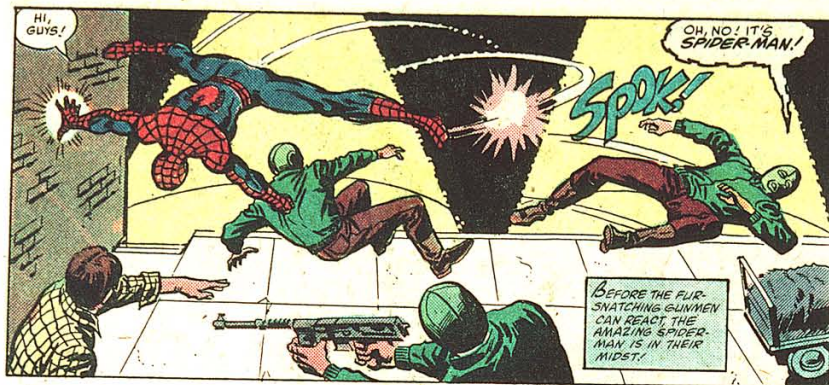


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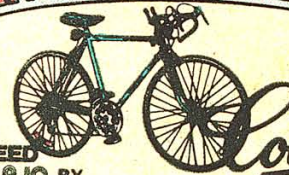
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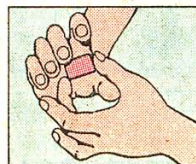


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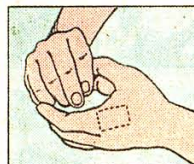
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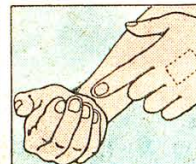
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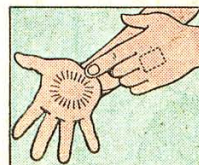
Pretend to grab it with your right hand while you really drop it into the palm of your left hand.



Keep the fingers of your right hand loose as if they had the gum.



Point with the left hand while you secretly hold the gum in your palm.

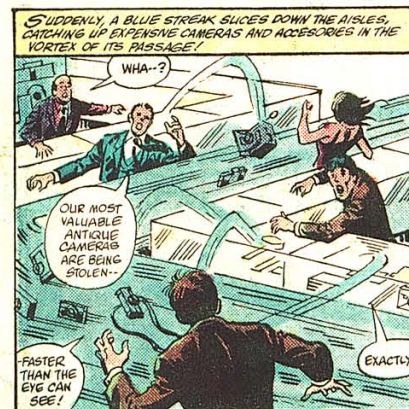
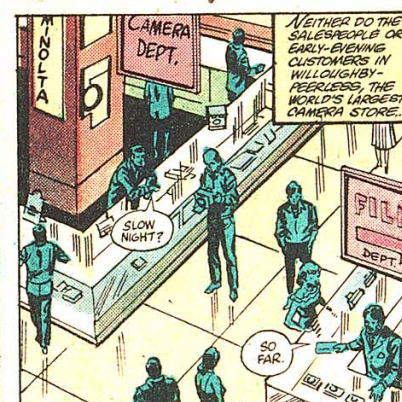
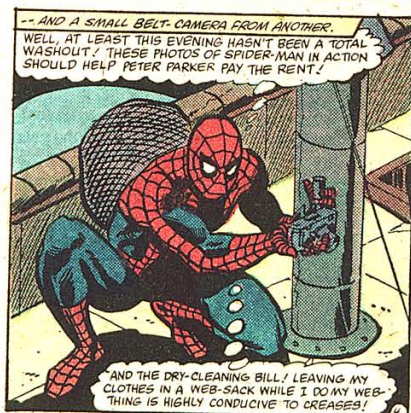
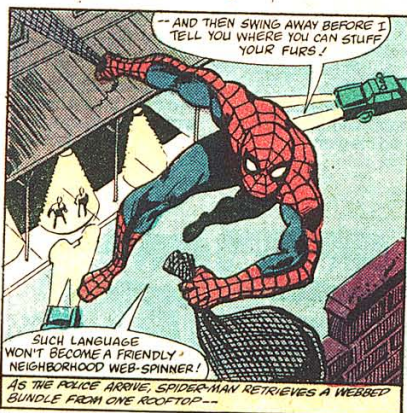
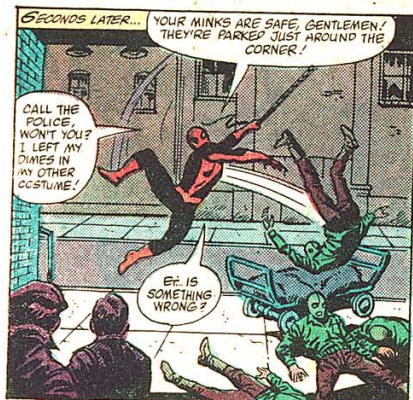
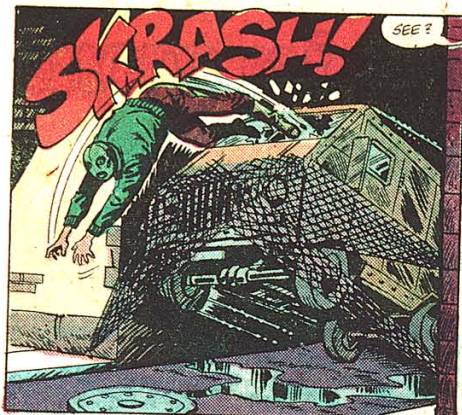


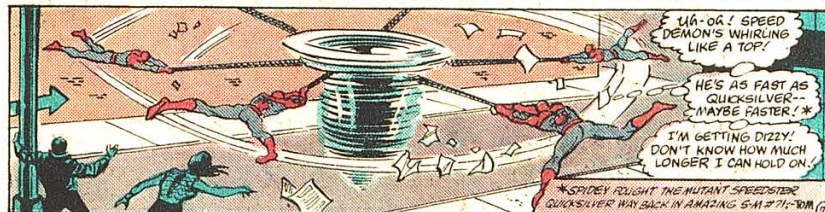
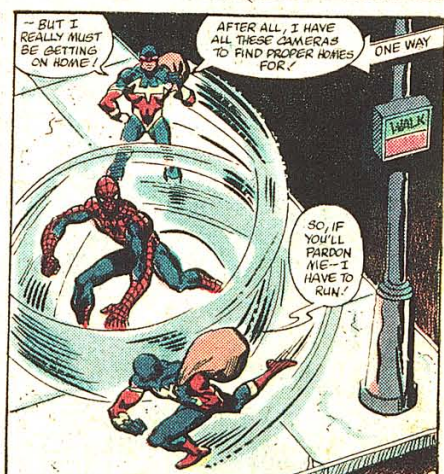
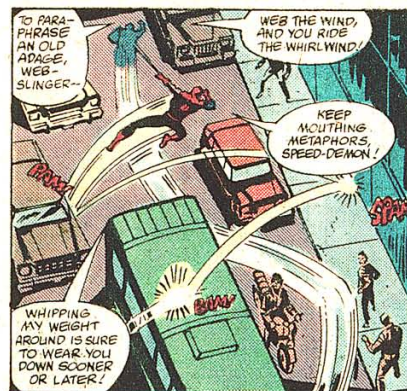
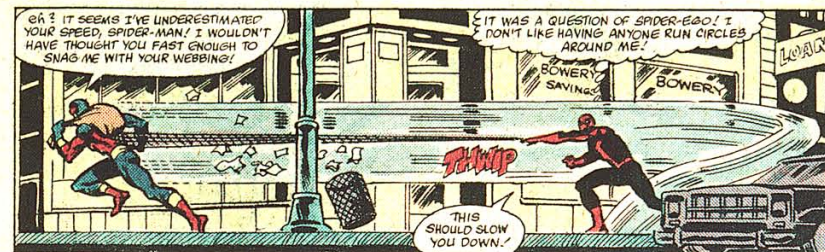
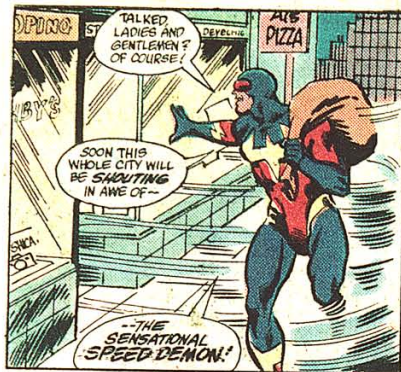
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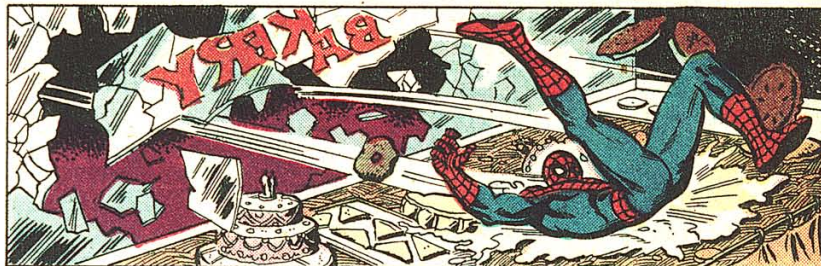
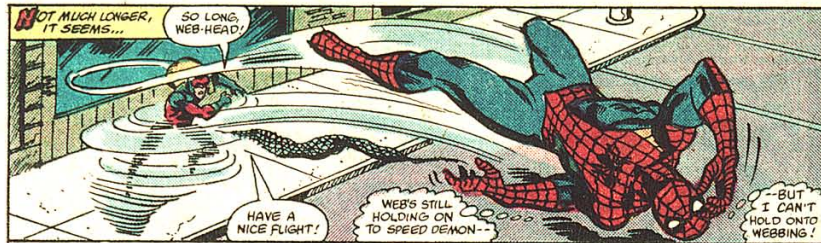


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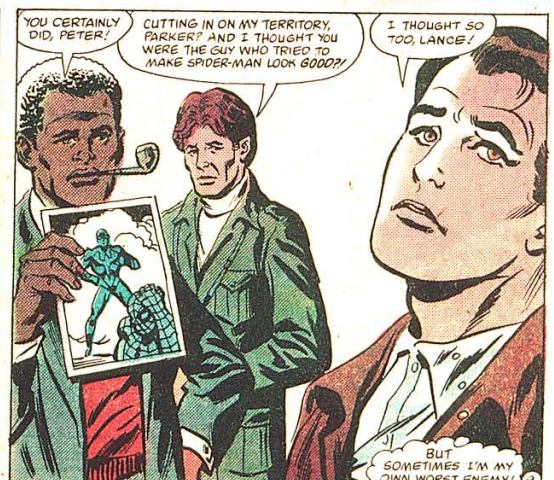
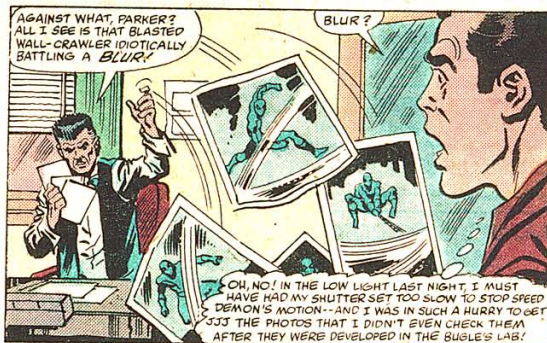
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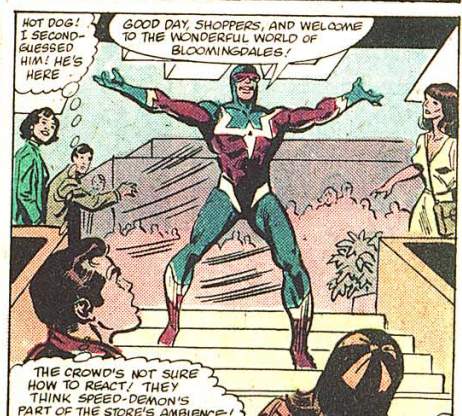
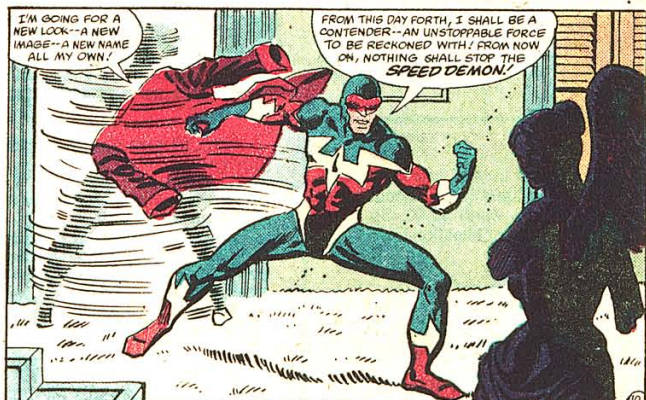
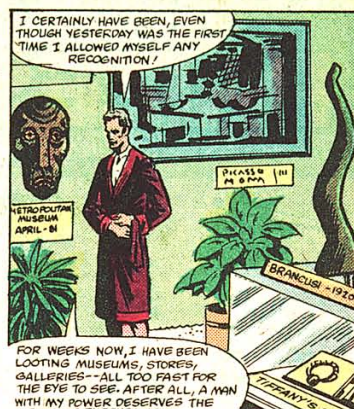
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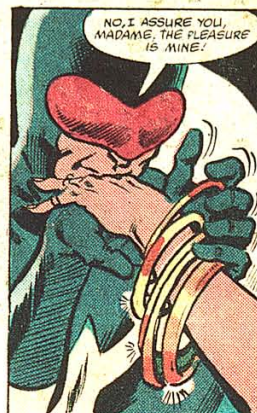
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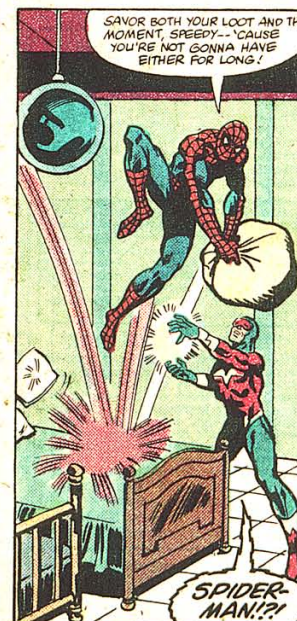
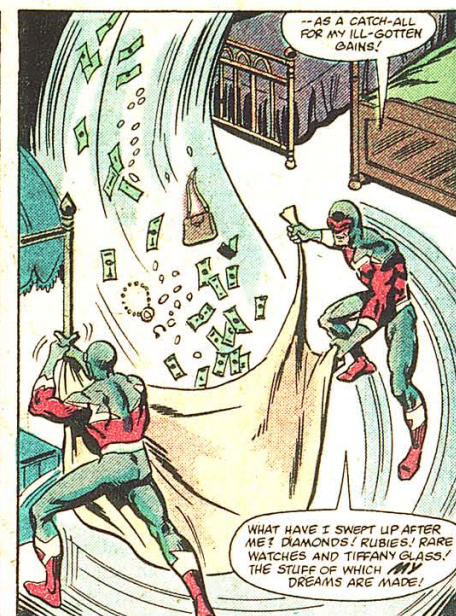
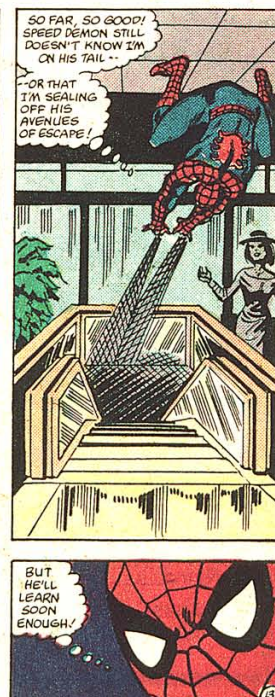
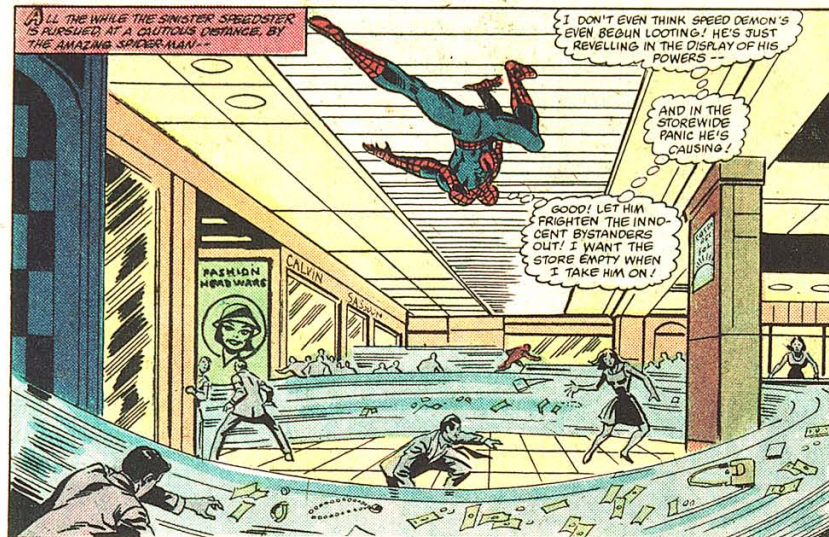
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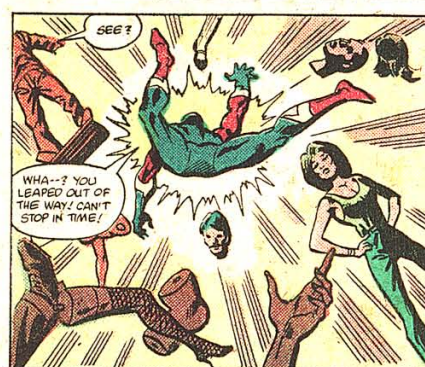
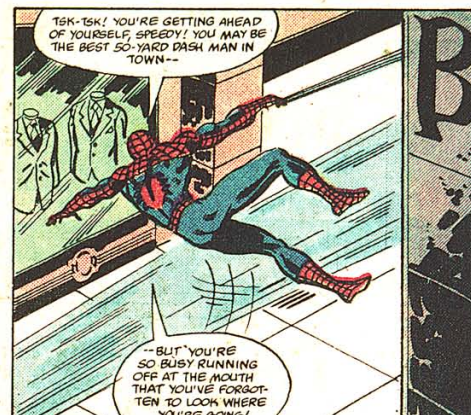
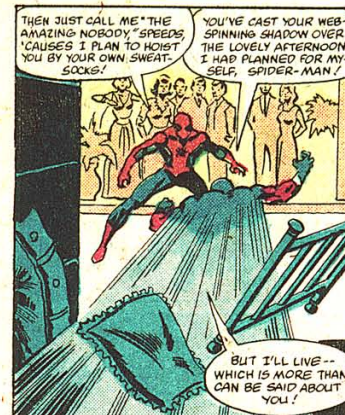
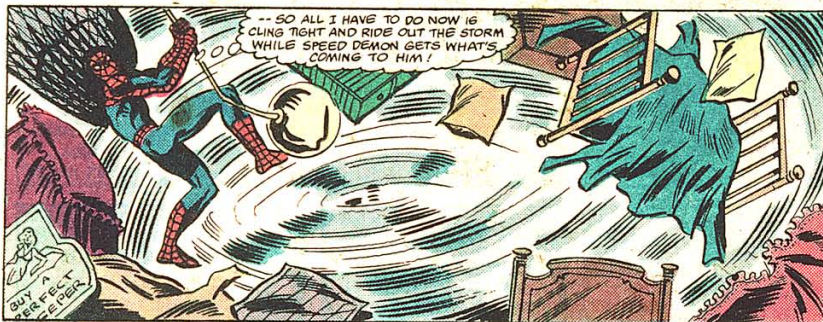
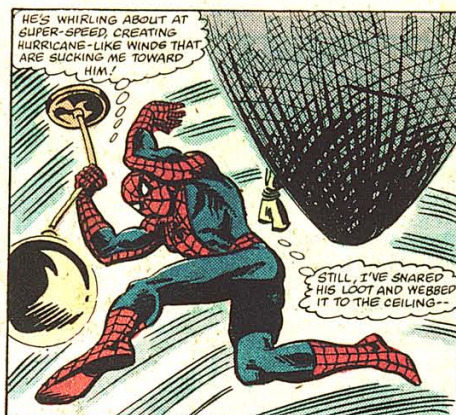
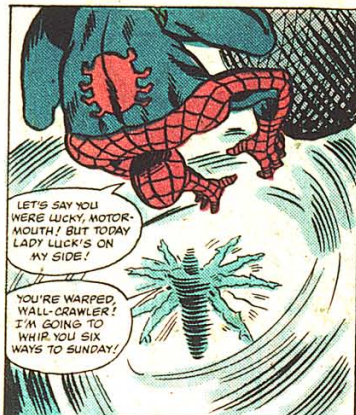
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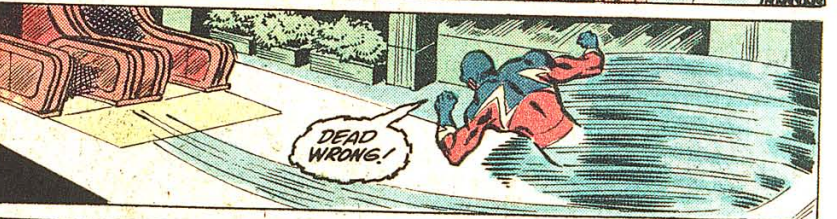
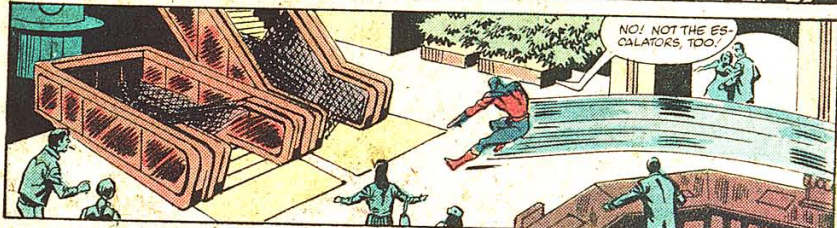
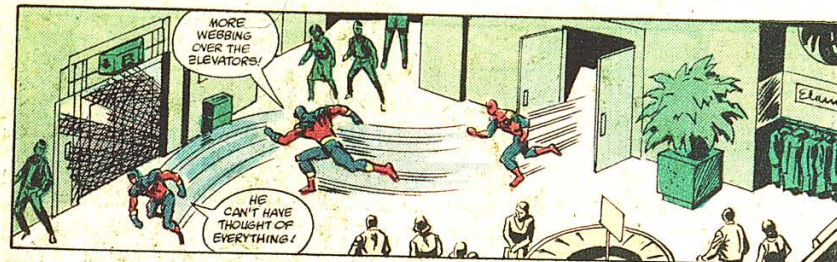
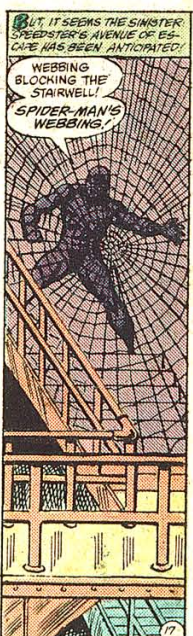
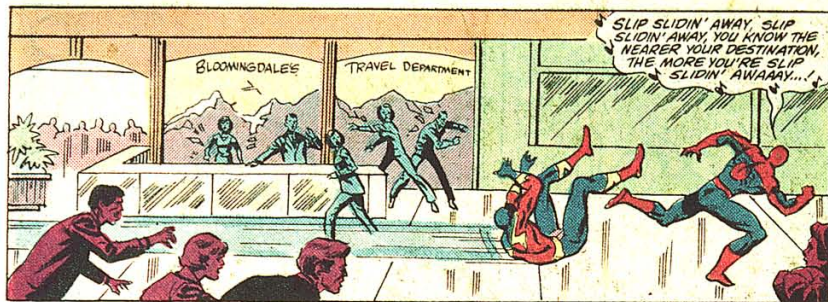
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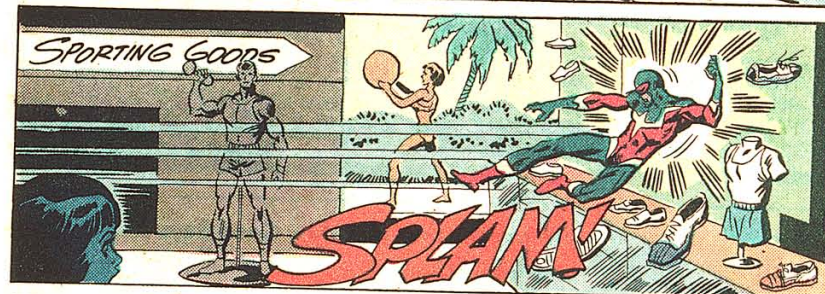
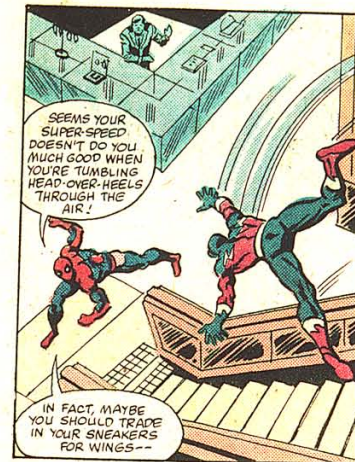
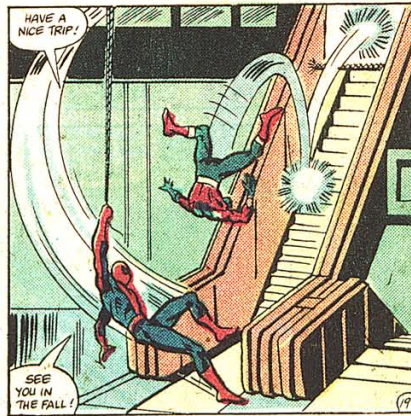
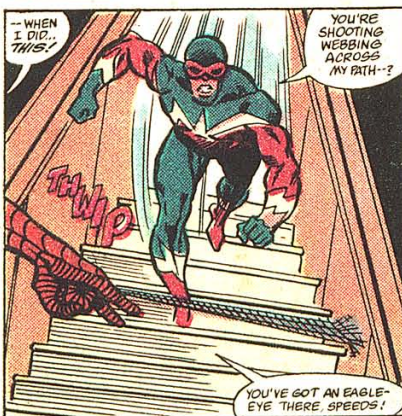
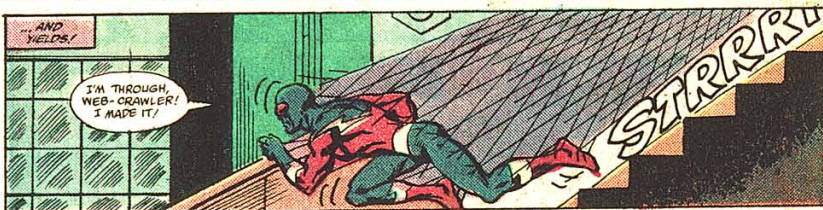
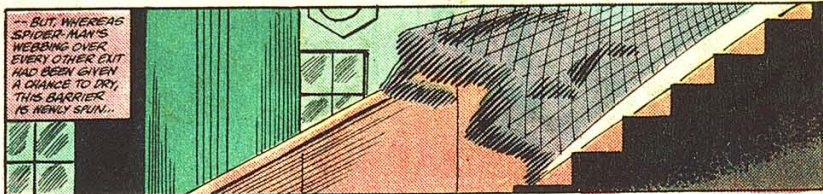
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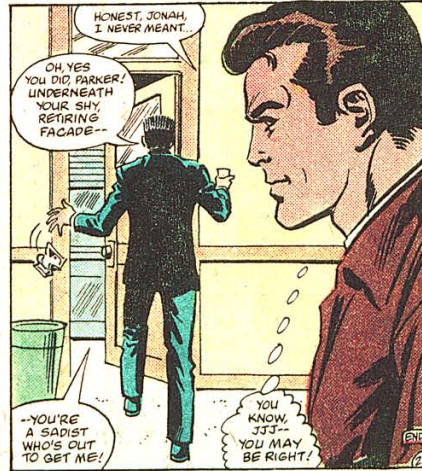
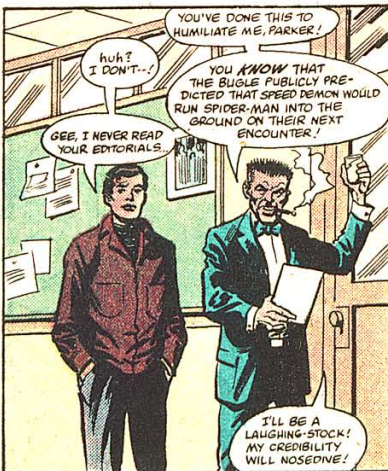
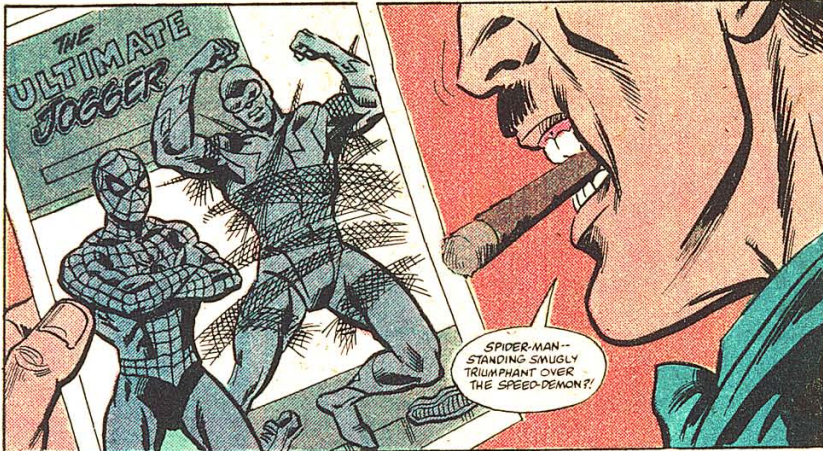
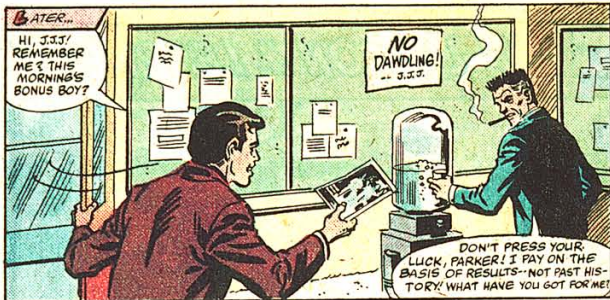
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A WEB-STAINED WORD FROM THE NEW EDITOR

Greetings, True Believer! I'm Tom DeFalco, and you might have heard of me if you happened to catch my all-too-brief scripping stints on such Marvel mags as DAZZLER, MACHINE MAN, MARVEL TEAM-UP, and MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE. Well, I've been lured away from the frolicking freelancer's life by an offer too good to refuse -- that of becoming the newest editor in MIGHTY MARVEL's star-studded stable. Into my eager hands has passed the choicest of assignments, the editorship of all four of the Spider-Man titles -- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN, MARVEL TEAM-UP, and MARVEL TALES. That's right, at long last all of the spider-books are united under a single guiding hand! In the days to come you will notice a greater coordination among the spider-titles than has ever been seen before. Each month the creative teams on these features will be assembling with me to coordinate characters, compare notes, and chart exciting new directions. In other words, friends, you ain't seen nothin' yet! Stick with me and my ace assistant Mark G., as we take the most amazing super hero of all to new heights of Marvel Magnificence!

Keep The Faith
Tom D.

Dear Marvel,
AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #218 was really fantastic. I enjoyed the plot and the great artwork by John Romita Jr.

Who did the cover art? It appears to be the same guy who drew the covers to MARVEL TEAM-UP #100 and #102. I like his style.

I'm totally devoted to the four monthly SPIDER-MAN comics, so keep up the good work. Marvel's still the best!

John Hardy II
29 Deacon Abbott Road
Redding, CT 06896
Thanks for the vote of confidence, John. The covers in question were the work of our very own Frank Miller, who's doing great stuff in every monthly issue of DAREDEVIL! Don't miss it!

Dear Marvel,
Re: Biff Rilklin.
Just what does this Parker guy have against preppies? Obviously, Peter doesn't see past the bright orange, wide-wale pants

and the candy-striped oxford shirts. In reality, there's a lot more to being a prep than wearing one's hair short and excelling at squash. In fact, the lives of Peter and ordinary preppies are quite similar in many aspects. Why, what with dozens of parties, bloody-mary-highlighted brunches, countless games of tennis and lacrosse, and maybe even a class or two everyday, a prep's life is just as busy as a grad student's... who also just happens to be a photographer, a teaching assistant, and a masked adventurer.

Come to think of it, Pete would make a terrific prep. His choice of a clashing red and blue uniform is obviously a product of a subconscious desire to become one with the traditional crowd.

So, for Pete's sake (the pun was intentional... just like Pete, we preps have an excellent sense of humor), give that web-slinging some duck shoes for rainy days, a raincoat for leisure time (after swinging through half the city), and -- above all else -- a little green alligator to be stitched onto his uniform... right by the spider! I'll be great!

Michael Quentin Lee
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Well, geez, Michael! Pete doesn't have anything against preppies in general... just one in particular! It's only the general abrasiveness of the Biffer that gets under his skin!

(By the way, Mr. Parker told us that he's not big on squash, but he'll meet you on the volleyball courts any time you choose!)

(Service!)



Dear People,
I've never had the time to write before, though I do like your comics. I have a collection consisting entirely of your publications, and I buy approximately 80% of your new titles, and at least three back issues a month. The reason that I'm finally writing, though, is not to slobber all over you in my gratitude for giving me something worthy of reading over and over again. At least, it's not the main reason. You see, I noticed some serious goofs in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #219. Briefly, they were:

1) Matt Murdock defended Peter Parker in the hearing and didn't realize that he was Spider-Man. (His hyper-senses would have picked up on Pete's heartbeats. See MARVEL TEAM-UP #73.)

2) Aunt May was able to come up with \$50,000 for Pete's bail. (Are people in retirement homes normally that rich?)

3) The Spider-Man costume which Spider-Man retrieves from the tree looks like a normal shirt and pants on page 23, panel two.

It looks bad, but I think I can rectify these errors for you! Going over them in order:

1) People accused of crimes (especially first-timers and innocents) are usually pretty upset and tend to have a faster, harder heartbeat. Murdock might have picked up on the beat and just assumed that Peter was overly frightened.

2) Aunt May and her friends at Restwell Nursing Home could have raised enough money to pay a bail bondsman, to put up the bail, which is only a percentage of the actual amount.

3) On page 23, Spider-Man is on the other side of the tree when he talks about his "equipment." Because of the angle, we can't see the other costume... but we do see another set of clothing. Street clothes discarded by someone else? The prison garb of an escaped convict? Who knows?

At any rate, my girlfriend Susan said to tell you that she was disappointed in the issue. This is the only title (aside from SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN) which she reads. She hopes you do better next time.

Thanks for listening.
Mike Halterman
4902 North 9th Street, #212
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Mike, what can we say? You really came to our rescue with those possible answers (though, admittedly, we might have goofed just a wee bit there). There were other readers who pointed out some of those errors, but only you, Mike Halterman, came through for us and found explanations for those... ah... seeming mistakes. And so, for service beyond the call of duty, we hereby award you the highly coveted No-Prize! It should be on its way to you in no-time at all!

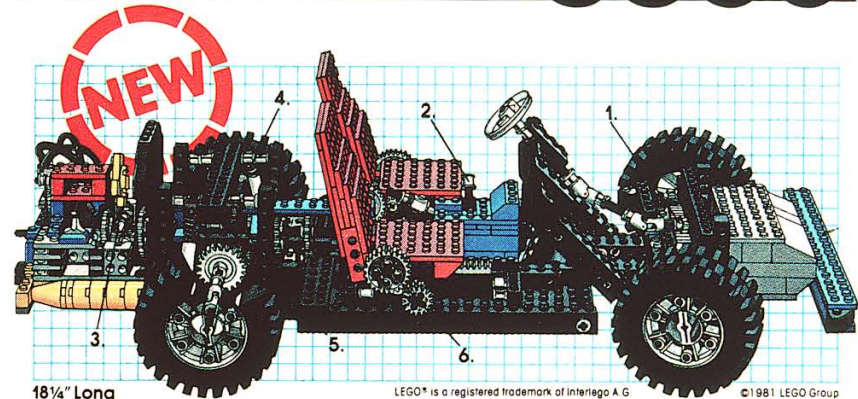
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